

Good & Bad

Hoopsters Lose To Middleboro, Whip Abington

By Steve MacQuarrie

Cohasset's basketball team went through its own version of the ancient good news-bad news routine last week, losing on Tuesday to Middleboro, 74-66 in overtime, before thumping a pesky Abington team on Friday, 65-46.

Tuesday began auspiciously as the Skippers awoke to find themselves ranked sixth among the sixty-odd Eastern

Massachusetts Division III teams. They showed why in the first half against Middleboro, racing off to a 37-29 halftime lead, keyed by 56 per cent shooting from the floor and led by a 16 point effort from senior Brian Keating.

There were, however, a pair of bad omens amongst the brightness — which did not augur well for the second half — 3 fouls on Paul Farren

and Middleboro's frequent penetration of Cohasset's man to man defense for layups (which, fortunately for the Skippers, their opponents missed with uncanny regularity).

Cohasset must have drunk some Jekyll-Hyde potion at half-time, for they looked like a different team after intermission. Turning the ball over 4 straight times in the first 3 minutes, they let the Sachems back into both the game and the lead. The fourth quarter was close, with ties registered at 52, 54, 56, 58, 60 and 62 before a Middleboro hoop with 8 seconds left sent the game to overtime.

Despite playing without Farren, who had fouled out in the fourth quarter Cohasset stayed close until the last minute of overtime, when their man-to-man defense broke down once more, giving the Sachems an easy layup, a three point lead and the game with just 50 seconds left. The Skippers could manage to hit only 8 shots out of 30 attempts (a dismal 27 per cent) in the second half, as poor shot selection helped to do them in.

Coach John LeVangie was not disappointed in his team's performance against first-place Middleboro. "It was a fine game between two strong teams, both of whom played well," was his bottom line assessment. Despite playing less than the full game Farren led all scorers with 22. He was backed up by Keating's 20.

Friday the Skippers cele-

brated the end of mid-year exams by traveling to Abington and flattening the Green Wave. Abington elected to slow the game down in the first half, taking a minute or more to get off each shot. But Cohasset remained patient, squeezing out a 28-19 halftime lead behind Paul Farren's 16 points. They threw a half-court trap defense at Abington in the third quarter, and salted the game away before the fourth period was very old.

Farren again led all scorers, finishing with 21 and Keating again topped the rest of the team this time with 11. Rich Tebbetts had a strong game rebounding and Tom Higgins

found himself playing much of the game at the unfamiliar position of point guard and performed admirably. "Tommy used his height well in directing our offense," said LeVangie, "and I may use him here again against certain teams."

The win gave Cohasset a record of 10-4, and they take their mark to Norfolk Aggie in a non-league joust tonight (Thursday). Next league game is at home against Hull Tuesday night. Cohasset slipped by the Pirates in overtime last month and they'll need to do at least as well this time to stay in running for the South Shore League title.

Girls Five Hangs On To Trip Abington

Staving of a Middleboro rally, Cohasset's girls basketball team last week hung on for a 44-40 victory.

At the intermission, the teams left the floor tied at 20-all. Cohasset surged to a 36-25 third period lead but then lost two starters on fouls and had to hang on from there on in.

Guard Diane Maloney had 18 points for the Skippers including two key charity throws with only a minute left that proved the winning points. Katie Salerno hooped 12 and Ellen McCarthy 17 for the Skippers who upped their mark to .500 at 5-5.

Abington's powerhouse girls basketball team proved too much last week as it

downed Cohasset, 44-23, to continue its undefeated march through 14 straight games.

At half the Wave led, 17-9. Dianna Maloney was high with eight points for Cohasset which saw its record dip to 5-6.

Behind 14 points by Kate Salerno, Cohasset's girls basketball team defeated Hanover 48-41, last week.

The Skippers led throughout the game and Salerno's showing was backed by double digit scoring by Dianne Maloney, who had an even dozen points and Jodi Sandbloom with 10.

Hanover made a run at the lead pulling within four points with two minutes left, but Cohasset hung on for the win.

Icemen Chill Hull

A pair of goals by Larry Evans sparked Cohasset's hockey team to a 4-2 win over Hull last week.

The Skippers apparently thrive on playing short-handed as they collected three of their goals when they had players in the penalty box.

Hull moved out in front with a first period goal but Cohasset came back to even the

count in the second period on Evans' first goal.

Cohasset moved in front on a third period score by Doug Dillon and put the decision away on a solo goal by Don Compadelli which proved the winner and an insurance marker by Evans for his second tally.

Hull got its second goal in the third period.

Outstanding at point for the Skippers was defenseman Tim O'Connell.

Booster Dance At Lighthouse

The Cohasset High School Hockey Boosters Club is sponsoring a dance at Hugo's Lighthouse Feb. 9 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be provided by the Robert Matthew Bank. All those interested in supporting the Cohasset Hockey Team by attending the dance should call Ed Dillon 383-0025. Tickets are \$10 per couple.

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